

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Masahiro OSHIKIRI, et al.

GAU: UNASSIGNED

SERIAL NO: NEW APPLICATION

EXAMINER: UNASSIGNED

FILED: HEREWITH

FOR: BACKGROUND NOISE/SPEECH CLASSIFICATION METHOD, VOICED/UNVOICED
CLASSIFICATION METHOD AND BACKGROUND NOISE DECODING METHOD, AND SPEECH
ENCODING METHOD AND APPARATUS

REQUEST FOR PRIORITY

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SIR:

☒ Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/726,562, filed 12/01/2000, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §120**.

☐ Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §119(e)**: Application No. Date Filed

☒ Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §119**, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>APPLICATION NUMBER</u>	<u>MONTH/DAY/YEAR</u>
JAPAN	9-010326	01/23/1997
JAPAN	9-155552	06/12/1997

Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

☐ are submitted herewith

☐ will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee

☒ were filed in prior application 09/012,792, filed 1/23/1998.

☐ were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number

Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304.

☐ (A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and

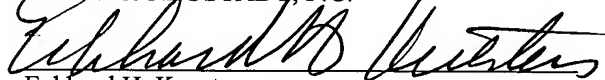
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